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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR OF METRO MANILA FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

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1. IN A SPEECH BEFORE ROTARIANS AT THE PHILIPPINE PLAZA HOTEL ON JANUARY 13, MRS. MARCOS REVEALED HER GRAND DESIGN FOR AN EXPANDED METRO MANILA WHICH "CUTS THROUGH THE SIERRA MADRES TO INFANTRA IN QUEZON PROVINCE, AT THE RIM OF THE CHINA SEA." METRO MANILA WOULD THUS BE BORDERED BY THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE CHINA SEA. "IN THIS WAY IS MANILA TRULY JOINED TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, WHILE SHE REACHES OUT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD."

2. CONTINUING HER DISCOURSE ON MAKING MANILA "THE CITY OF MAN, THE PREMIER CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, "MRS. MARCOS ANNOUNCED THE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF AGORA MARKETS PATTERNED AFTER THOSE IN ANCIENT GREECE WHICH WERE AT THE SAME TIME SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL CENTERS. IN THESE MULTI-STOREY AGORAS, "OUR YOUNG AND OLD, OUR STUDENTS AND WORKERS, PERHAPS, EVEN OUR EXECUTIVES, CAN EXERCISE THEIR RENEWED SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AS THEY HAGGLE OVER
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THE FISHES, LISTEN TO OR READ THE LATEST NEWS IN SIGN OR DOCUMENTARY, COMMUNE WITH GOD..."

3. MRS. MARCOS SAID THAT THE GOP WOULD START THIS YEAR WITH QUINTA MARKET IN QUIAPO, DIVERSORIA AND THE CENTRAL MARKET, "AFTER WHICH WE SHALL GO ON TO THE 35 OTHER MARKETS."

4. COMMENT: MRS. MARCOS' GRAND DESIGN TO BUILD 38 NEW MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE CITY IS GRANDOISE BUT UNREALISTIC, AND WOULD STRAIN THE RESOURCES OF THE GOP. AND THE GOP'S FIRST VENTURE IN MARKET BUILDING HAS RESULTED IN A VAST CONCRETE COMPLEX CALLED THE GREATER MANILA FOOD TERMINAL, WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE REPLACED DIVISORIA BUT HAS REMAINED LARGELY UNUSED BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY PROPER (EAST OF THE AIRPORT). IF ANYTHING, MRS. MARCOS' LATEST GRAND DESIGN FOR MANILA EXCEEDS HER RECLAMATION PROPOSAL, WHEN SHE CALLED FOR A MAP, TOOK A GREASE PEN, DREW A STRAIGHT LINE ACROSS THE BAY FROM MANILA TO CAVITE, AND PROCEEDED TO FILL UP THE AREA AND RELOCATE THE AIRPORT AT THE SAME TIME (REFTEL).
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